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For : LAMINATE, PROCESS FOR ITS PRODUCTION AND THE USE OF A
LAMINATE IN PARTICULAR AS A MEDICAL BACKING MATERIAL

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 21, 2006. Inasmuch as the three month shortened statutory period for reply is originally set in the Office Action to expire on November 21, 2006 this response is being filed by the initial due date for response. However, if any extension of time is necessary, this is an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee or any other fees which may be required to preserve the pendency of the present application, including any extension of time fees which may be necessary for an Examiner's Amendment, to Deposit Account No.

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